United States Department of Labor Employees' Compensation Appeals Board

J.A., Appellant	-))
and) Docket No. 21-1090) Issued: March 21, 2022
DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS, ORLANDO VA MEDICAL CENTER, Orlando, FL, Employer)
Appearances: Alan J. Shapiro, Esq., for the appellant ¹ Office of Solicitor, for the Director	Case Submitted on the Record

ORDER DISMISSING APPEAL

Before:

JANICE B. ASKIN, Judge PATRICIA H. FITZGERALD, Alternate Judge VALERIE D. EVANS-HARRELL, Alternate Judge

On July 12, 2021 appellant through counsel, filed a timely appeal from a July 1, 2021, merit decision of the Office of Workers' Compensation Programs (OWCP). The Clerk of the Appellate Boards assigned Docket No. 21-1090.

In a letter dated March 8, 2022, appellant, through counsel requested that the appeal be dismissed.

The Board has duly considered the matter and concludes that counsel's request for the dismissal of the appeal should be granted. Accordingly,

¹ In all cases in which a representative has been authorized in a matter before the Board, no claim for a fee for legal or other service performed on appeal before the Board is valid unless approved by the Board. 20 C.F.R. § 501.9(e). No contract for a stipulated fee or on a contingent fee basis will be approved by the Board. *Id.* An attorney or representative's collection of a fee without the Board's approval may constitute a misdemeanor, subject to fine or imprisonment for up to one year or both. *Id.*; see also 18 U.S.C. § 292. Demands for payment of fees to a representative, prior to approval by the Board, may be reported to appropriate authorities for investigation.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT appellant's request for the dismissal of the appeal is granted. The appeal docketed as No. 21-1090 is dismissed.

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Washington, DC

Janice B. Askin, Judge Employees' Compensation Appeals Board

Patricia H. Fitzgerald, Alternate Judge Employees' Compensation Appeals Board

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